

REMARKS

Claims 16-34 remain pending in this application. Claim 16 has been amended to better define the novel spiroorthocarbonates being claimed. Please note that all of the claimed spiroorthocarbonates (SOC) contain an epoxy group or a double bond from which an epoxy group can easily be formed. Still further, this epoxy group or double bond is located on a ringed structure bonded to the spiroorthocarbonate as a substituent either directly, by an oxygen-carbon linkage, by a carbon-oxygen linkage, or directly as a substituent to 2 carbons of the SOC ring so that one side of the SOC makes up the last side of the ringed structure. These are novel compounds that are advantageous to use especially in the context of making dental materials, as discussed in the application.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and eventual issuance. Such action is respectfully requested. Still further, upon examination, it should have been found that the compounds in Group II fall in the range of the compounds in elected Group III. Accordingly, please rejoin these groups of claims by adding cancelled claims 14, 15, and 35 to the allowed application as claims 36-38. Should you have any further questions or comments which need be addressed in order to obtain allowance, please contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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